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Ryan Reynolds talks about being the voice of Pikachu in "Pokémon Detective Pikachu," which opens worldwide Friday. 2

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Ryan Reynolds: *It's like 'Star Wars'*

Metro caught up with Ryan Reynolds in New York who told us about his experience interpreting this version of the famous videogame character, Pikachu, in Pokémon Detective Pikachu.

GABRIEL HUERTA, MWN

'Pokémon Detective Pikachu's' trailers make quite clear that this film will be a comedic action, although the last one released by Ryan Reynolds (who gives voice and facial motion capture to the famous Pokémon) comes with a melodramatic touch. Called "What a Pikachu World" the clip shows us how the incredible world of Pokémon and some of the different creatures will look like in a very emotional atmosphere with Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" playing in the background.

The film directed by Rob Letterman and starring the man behind Deadpool as Pikachu, along with Justice Smith, opens this week worldwide and Metro had the chance to speak with Reynolds about this new experience.

I am very excited and happy to see you as a Pokémon... Finally! Dreams come true

How do you prepare to be a yellow, electric mouse? People usually go to source material, but this is totally different.

This is different, I wanted to delve into the world of Pokémon, which I did not know much about. I knew about Pokémon, of course, but not about the little details. And I really immersed myself and I'm really lucky to have this

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role in a universe that has been pre-established for over 20 years, but I had to do it on my own. So, we did motion capture, face capture with body capture and I had so

much fun with that, every day that I got to do that was so exciting. A great experience. Now I want every film I make to be with motion capture.

This version of Pikachu is a bit cheeky, it really moves away from the videogames on which it is based. How much of you is there in this character?

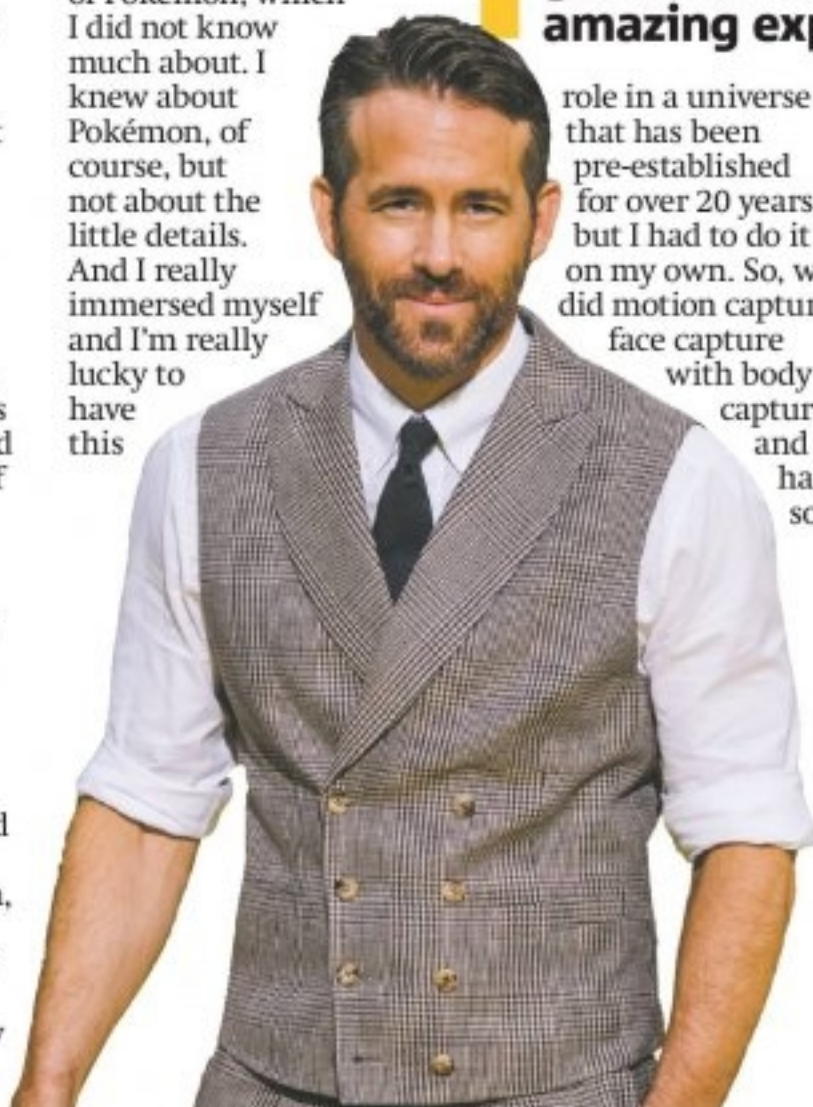
I would say a lot, I mean, I think they hired me to do that to experiment and have fun with the character. To ensure that when Pikachu makes a joke it's both funny for adults and children and really sharp. There are jokes for adults and children, so that people and families who go to see the film can have an amazing experience.

The movie has been a success in reviews. That's a very difficult thing when it comes to a movie based on a video game.

I think the key is that no one who is involved in this entire project has considered it to be a video game film, but just a movie. So, I think that's where the trap is to think, "what's in the video game that can make sure you have the experience of the game," but video games are interactive, you're never going to reproduce the experience of a video game for anyone, and that's the trap into which

many fall. I noticed that on the second day of work, no one cared, everyone was focused on making the best movie, not making the best video game movie.

Would you come back to play another Pokémon movie, Pikachu or another Pokémon? I would love it, I mean, what a job! Not only for me, but for my children. There are so many possibilities. It's like Star Wars, I know it's a big thing to say, but the different paths you can take in the Pokémon world has no limits, I'm excited.



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The Bourse

Head to this Old City hotspot this Sunday to take part in their floral centerpiece workshop (\$65) with Alice's Table from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Participants will learn tips and tricks on creating floral masterpieces while sipping on a complimentary mimosa. 111 S. Independence Mall E., theboursephilly.com

Museum of the American Revolution

The MOAR is hosting a special Mother's Day tea this Sunday featuring a delicious buffet, mimosas, carnations for Mom, photo ops and much, much more. There will be

two seatings at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., tickets include access to the museum's exhibits. 101 S. 3rd St., amrvmuseum.org

Evil Genius Beer Company

Head to Evil genius to go on a special private tour of the brewery with your mom this Sunday from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. The tour includes a flight of five Evil Genius Lab Exclusive beers and a Q&A opportunity at the end of the tour. 1727 N. Front St., evilgenius-beer.com

Barnes Foundation

Head to the Barnes Foundation on Sunday to treat your mom to a special brunch in their Garden Restaurant which will feature a unique menu filled with delicious and flavorful items. Reservations will be available from 11 am until 3:30 p.m. While at the Barnes

check out their Gogh, Mom! promotion. The promotion allows you to book a highlight tour for you and your mom anytime between now and May 31st, plus moms even get to pick up a Van Gogh inspired gift from the Barnes Shop after. 2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., barnesfoundation.org

Ocean Prime

Brunch menu items include french toast, crab and eggs, braised short rib surf and turf, plus refreshing cocktails such as their blood orange mimosa and more. 124 S. 15th St., ocean-prime.com

Urban Farmer

Head to Urban Farmer from 7 am until 3 p.m. this Sunday to indulge with your mom in an appetizing brunch. There will be a build your own bloody Mary cart, plus

plenty of delicious dishes. 50 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., urbanfarmerphiladelphia.com

Co-Op

This West Philly hotspot is offering the perfect activity for kiddos and their moms. While indulging in brunch, little tykes can work on fun crafts (complimentary) and make something special for their mom as the adults indulge in delicious dishes and plenty of brunch cocktails. 20 S. 33rd St. #1, coopphilly.com

Bank & Bourbon

Bank & Bourbon is celebrating Mother's Day with a delicious brunch buffet from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. featuring Chef Joe Thomas' signature ricotta toast with dried fruit compote, smoked

salmon, Choptank sweet oysters with red wine mignonette, omelets made to order and much more. 1200 Market St., bankand-bourbon.com

Top Spots offering freebies

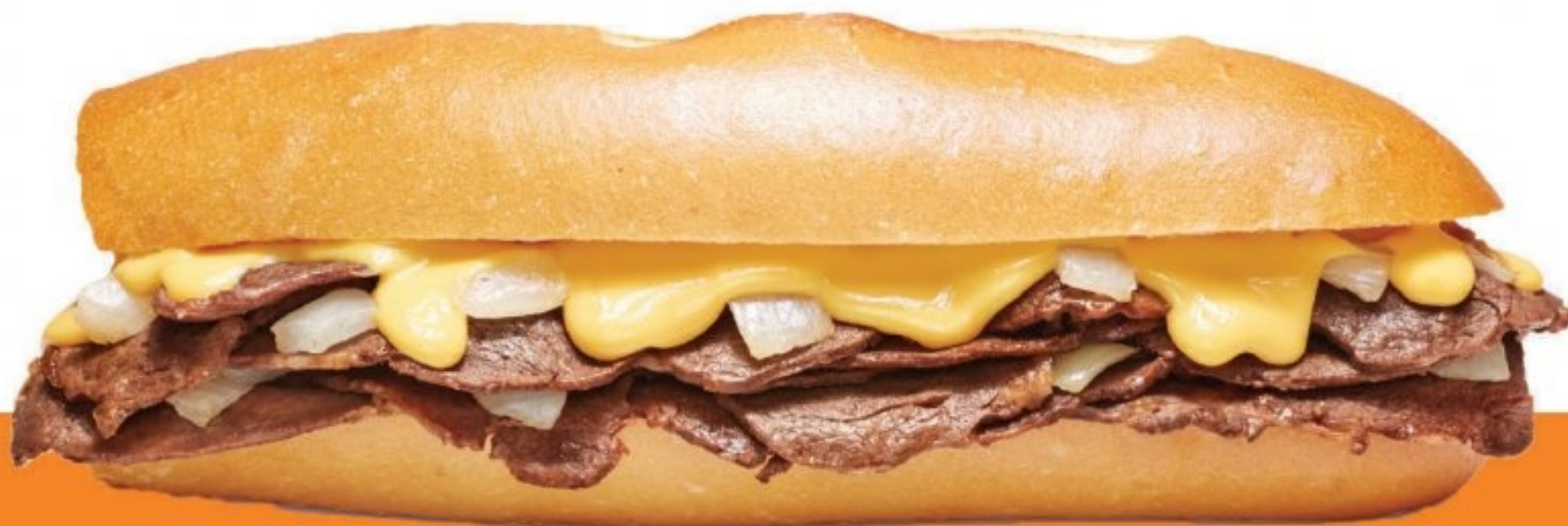
Puyero Venezuelan Flavor (524 S. 4th St.) is offering a free arepa or patacone for mom this Sunday; East Passyunk hotspot P'unk Burger (1823 Passyunk Ave.) is offering free milkshakes and half off kids meals; SliCe (multiple locations) is offering a free variety of small pies for Mom with the purchase of a large for the family; Rittenhouse hotspot Revolution Taco (2015 Walnut St.) is offering a free order

of tacos, burritos, a burrito bowl or an empanada; Makhani Modern Indian (7 N. 3rd St.) will give moms a fresh rose when dining there plus a free homemade mango cheesecake; new hotspot Blume (1500 Locust St.) is offering a free rosé spritz during lunch; Homemade Goodies by Roz (510 S. 5th St.) is offering free goodies and tea for Mom; and hotspot Vanilya on East Passyunk (1611 E. Passyunk Ave.) is offering free bubbly and a flower cookie.



Co-Op is offering a very special brunch this Sunday. JASON VARNEY

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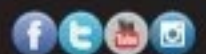
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Scarpetta
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Fat Salmon

If you are a big-time sushi lover, Fat Salmon should be your absolute go-to. This hip and laid-back eatery offers an incredible atmosphere for dining out, and a menu that is as pleasing as the decor. Fat Salmon offers a wide variety of sushi rolls, nigiri, sashimi, combinations, drinks and more. Mouthwatering options include a dragonfly roll, volcano roll, sea breeze roll, California roll, rainbow roll, spicy scallop sashimi, super white tuna sashimi, a tempura dinner, teriyaki dinner, a Katsu dinner and more. Fat Salmon also has a plethora of delicious beers on draft, house sake (they even have their own sampler), unique wine and more. Fat Salmon is truly a treat. Dining at this unique spot feels like a big night out on the town while still being reasonable in price. 719 Walnut St., fatsalmonsushi.com

Good Dog Bar

Good Dog Bar is a downright good time. If you're looking to spend an evening drinking some beer, grubbing on some amazingly comforting food and just letting your hair down, this is the spot for you. Good Dog Bar is two floors, and both levels of the restaurant offer a fun and carefree atmosphere while also serving up incredibly great menu items. Dishes include creamy mac and cheese, brisket grilled cheese, turkey and vegetarian chili, crispy squid, chorizo empanadas, plus their mouthwatering burger with cheese stuffed in the patty. Good Dog Bar has a full bar selection filled with plenty of spirited and desirable options as well. The best part of this hot spot? Good Dog Bar is also trying to help find forever homes for adoptable pups in the Philadelphia area, and have their very own adoption program with STAR (details are available on their website). 224 S. 15th St., gooddogbar.com

Barcelona Wine Bar

This East Passyunk hot spot offers a lot. Their food choices are unique and indulgent, their drink selections are impressive, their atmosphere is extremely welcoming and light, plus they have an outdoor area that is to die for. Long story, short: If you haven't been to this fantastic dining destination yet, you need to head there ASAP. Mouthwatering menu items include a massive build-your-own charcuterie and cheese board selection, spiced beef empanadas, potato gnocchi, hanger steak, P.E.I. mussels, chicken liver mousse, plus a delicious assortment of paella. Barcelona is also open for brunch and has an impressive Bloody Mary bar during that service plus unique menu items such as their spice-whipped yogurt, olive oil pancakes and sobrassada hash. If you're a wino as well, you're in luck. Barcelona has everything your heart desires when it comes to wine, from red to white and dry to sweet. 1709 E. Passyunk Ave., barcelonawinebar.com

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Head to the Independence Seaport Museum to join in on the opening of their impressive beer garden aboard the massive warship, the Cruiser Olympia. The Admiral's Tavern beer garden will feature tasty drinks, delicious snacks, games

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ARTS & CULTURE

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The opening reception for this incredible exhibit featuring the man behind the Magic Gardens is this weekend, and everyone is invited out to celebrate the life of Isaiah Zagar. Philadelphians can get a sneak peek at the impressive exhibit (which features photos by Zagar, folk art from his travels and personal anecdotes) while also getting to chat with the artist himself. Refreshments will also be provided. **May 10, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Magic Gardens, 1020 South St., phillymagicgardens.org**



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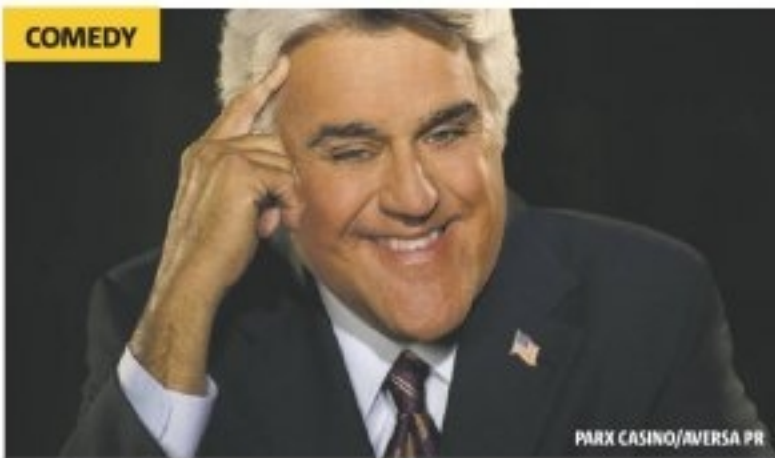
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FOOD & DRINK

Rowhouse Grocery's Classes

Head down to South Philly hotspot Rowhouse Grocery to check out their impressive selection of produce, treats, homemade bites and more, but guests can also partake in their fun and informative classes. On May 10th at 6 p.m. join in on Cheese Flavor: Where does it come from? with Conor Sherdan from Di Bruno Brothers and then be sure to get some goodie shopping done after the

class ends. **May 10, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Rowhouse Grocery, 1713 McKean St., \$15-\$25, rowhousegrocery.com**

FAMILY

Free Library Comic Con

Head to the Parkway Central Free Library with the whole family to check out this incredible event featuring comic vendors, interesting panels, cosplay, plenty of games, workshops and much, much more. Be sure to dress the part

of your favorite pop culture character to really get the full experience. Families can register on Eventbrite. **May 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine St., free-\$50, f.reelibrary.org**

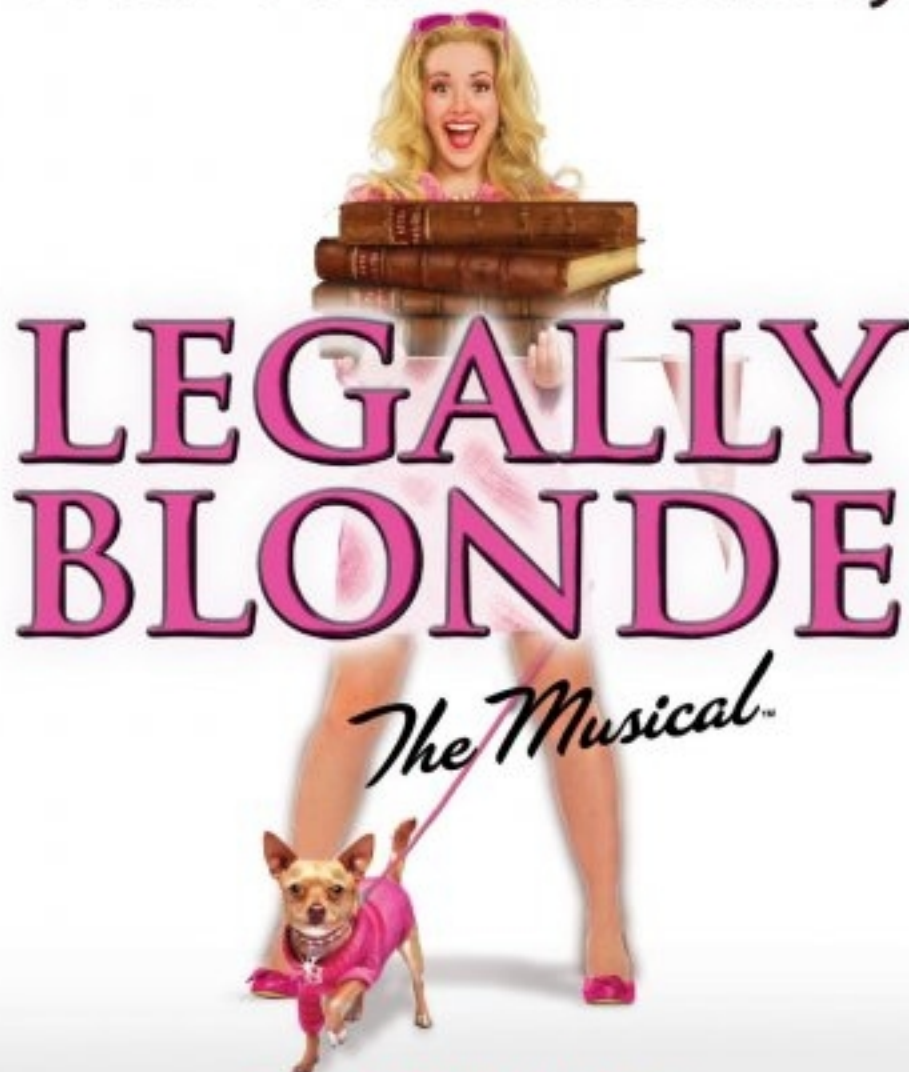
May Fair

Head to Clark Park this weekend to really have a fun-filled day with the whole family. There will be over 50 local artisans selling unique crafts, incredible food, plenty of games for kiddos, a petting zoo and much, much more. **May 11, 12 p.m.-6 p.m., Clark Park, 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave, free, friendsofclarkpark.org**

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"With the Avengers we did something extraordinary" SCARLETT JOHANSSON

The American actress chatted with Metro about the path of the Avengers and her experiences during filming. **GABRIELA ACOSTA SILVA MWN**

— We recently recalled that it was on May 2, 2008, when the Iron Man movie was released. It has started the Marvel film universe, which in total added six films. It has been a challenge to play Black Widow, a character full of contrasts and strength. But above all to

[Laughs]

It is a much more human story that could cause tears

— We all got involved in every way and were absorbed by the story. It has been a trip for us and the fans. I laughed, I cried and I experienced all the emotions as an actress and a spectator. In addition, in this new release, women gain relevance not to compete, but to reach a gender equity in history.

Are you a woman who likes to maintain balance?

— Black Widow was always a stabilizing force. I think Natasha Romanoff is a little different from the average superhero, because she has a different moral compass. She understands that there is a balance between light and darkness in the world

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million is the budget of 2019 American film based on the Marvel Comics superhero team, the Avengers.

Would you like the story of Avengers to continue?

— I will avoid the spoilers out of respect for people, but surely there will be some surprises.

Eleven years have passed since the first film. How much did it mark you personally and professionally?

show a sensitive female role in a world dominated by men. On a professional level, it gave me a lot of learning, discipline and physical condition.

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and that one must make a sacrifice at both ends to maintain a certain balance. She can be very cold, but she has a big heart. There has always been a mystery surrounding Black Widow because you can never know exactly which side she is on.

Do you already miss that side of Natasha?

— Playing a character so many times during the last 10 years was very rewarding. Being able to return again and again to it and be part of Marvel's cinematographic universe during the last few years was an incredible opportunity. Therefore, in many aspects it is a reflection of myself and reflects my own growth and my own challenges. I think it was an incredible gift as an actress to have lived that experience. And I feel we did something extraordinary with this movie.

Will you miss the Avengers?

— We have lived so many changes in the last 10 years in our careers and in our personal lives. The Avengers' movies were

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Philly 'Prom Mom' dodges 140-year prison term for disability fraud

Saudia Shuler went viral for throwing exorbitant prom parties that featured exotic animals.



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A North Philadelphia woman who gained notoriety for throwing over-the-top prom parties despite collecting disability benefits will not serve any time behind bars for Social Security fraud.

Saudia Shuler, 45, was ordered Wednesday to pay back the nearly \$37,000 in Social Security benefits, but she will not have to serve any time in prison despite facing a maximum sentence of 140 years for the fraud. Shuler will also have to perform 100 hours of community ser-



Saudia Shuler.

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vice, and will serve three years of probation with six months' house arrest, according to the AP.

Shuler in January admitted to years of collecting Social Security disability payments despite earning income operating a Philadelphia restaurant. She made headlines in 2017 after throwing

her son a Dubai-themed prom party that famously featured a camel and cost \$25,000. Last year she threw a "Black Panther"-themed prom party that reportedly featured another exotic animal — an actual panther.

"Saudia Shuler is not a folk hero or neighborhood champion, she

is an admitted thief who stole money from taxpayers in order to fund elaborate parties and enhance her own reputation," U.S. Attorney William M. McSwain said. Her attorney, Tariq El-Shabazz, said on CBS 6 last year that Shuler was in poor health at the time of the fraud.

"She was suffering from a stroke and, in fact, as a result of that stroke she was in rehab. She was unable to do anything for two-plus years around the same time that she was perpetrating this alleged fraud," he told news cameras.

Shuler posted a video on Instagram on Wednesday thanking her character witnesses and other supporters.

"The love was just so real. The judge felt the love, everybody felt the love," she said.

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North Korea launches more missiles; US seizes coal ship

"I don't think they're ready to negotiate," Trump told reporters.

North Korea fired what appeared to be two short-range missiles on Thursday in its second such test in less than a week, and the United States announced it had seized a North Korean cargo ship as tensions again mounted between the two countries.

President Donald Trump said "nobody is happy" at the missile launches, which South Korea said were likely a protest by Pyongyang against Trump refusing to ease economic sanctions on the North.

The United States has given no sign of willingness to budge on sanctions and on Thursday the Justice Department announced the seizure of a North Korean cargo ves-

sel it said was involved in the illicit shipping of coal.

North Korea has effectively pulled back from engagement with Washington since a summit between leader Kim Jong-un and Trump in February fell apart without agreement on U.S. demands for the dismantling of Pyongyang's nuclear program and Kim's demands for relief from punishing sanctions.

"The relationship continues ... I know they want to negotiate, they're talking about negotiating. But I don't think they're ready to negotiate," Trump told reporters at the White House on Thursday.

Less than a week ago, Kim oversaw the test-firing of multiple rockets and a missile and the latest tests coincided with a visit to the South Korean capital by U.S. special envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun.

The two missiles fired



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on Thursday went east from the northwestern area of Kusong, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

They covered distances of 260 miles and 168 miles and reached an altitude of about 30 miles before falling into the sea, they said.

Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Dave Eastburn said: "We're aware of the reports and monitoring."

"North Korea seemed

to be discontented it could not reach a deal in Hanoi," South Korea's President Moon Jae-in told South Korean broadcaster KBS, referring to the summit in Hanoi with Trump.

South Korea's Moon said that even if the missiles fired on Thursday were short-range, they could still violate U.N. resolutions barring North Korea from developing its ballistic missile force.

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Facebook rejects co-founder breakup plea, senator urges antitrust probe

Facebook quickly rejected a call from co-founder Chris Hughes on Thursday to split the world's largest social media company in three, while lawmakers urged the U.S. Justice Department to launch an antitrust investigation.

Facebook has been under scrutiny from regulators around the world over data-sharing practices as well as hate speech and misinformation on its networks. Some U.S. lawmakers have also pushed for action to break up big tech companies as well as federal privacy regulation.

"We are a nation with a tradition of reining in monopolies, no matter how well-intentioned the leaders of these companies may be. Mark's power is unprecedented and un-American," Hughes, a former college roommate of Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, wrote in a lengthy New York Times opinion piece.

Facebook's social network has more than



Chris Hughes, co-founder of Facebook.

2 billion users across the world. It also owns WhatsApp, Messenger and Instagram, each used by more than 1 billion people. Facebook bought Instagram in 2012 and WhatsApp in 2014.

Facebook rejected Hughes' call for WhatsApp and Instagram to be made into separate companies, and said the focus should instead be on regulating the internet. Zuckerberg will be in Paris on Friday to meet

with French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss internet regulation.

"Facebook accepts that with success comes accountability. But you don't enforce accountability by calling for the breakup of a successful American company," Facebook spokesman Nick Clegg said in a statement.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat, told CNBC on Thursday he thinks Facebook needs to be broken up and that

the Justice Department's antitrust division needs to begin an investigation.

Antitrust law makes such a proposal tough to execute because the government would have to take the company to court and win. It is rare to break up a company but not unheard of, with Standard Oil and AT&T being the two biggest examples.

Hughes co-founded Facebook in 2004 at Harvard with Zuckerberg and Dustin Moskovitz. He left Facebook in 2007, and has said in a LinkedIn post that he made half a billion dollars for his three years of work.

"It's been 15 years since I co-founded Facebook at Harvard, and I haven't worked at the company in a decade. But I feel a sense of anger and responsibility," Hughes said in the New York Times piece.

Hughes also suggested Zuckerberg should be held responsible for privacy and other lapses at the company. **REUTERS**

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FOX partnered with Stars Group Inc. this week.



MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

One aspect of the rapidly changing sports betting landscape that we haven't really touched on yet is the potential marriage between TV networks and sports betting platforms.

FOX Sports, which has been gobbling up live sports broadcasting rights left and right and is finally giving ESPN a run for its money, announced this week that it is partnering with Stars Group Inc. to create a sports betting app. The app will feature FOX Sports branding and is expected to launch this fall.

The idea is that while FOX is broadcasting live sporting events it will show specific odds for the game you are watching, and in turn look to get new bettors to use their betting app



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exclusively.

This union between TV and app has worked wonders for Turner Sports and Bleacher Report, as B/R is currently bringing in over four times the revenue it had been since it was acquired by Turner in 2012.

Stars Group, which plans to have an operat-

ing sportsbook in Pennsylvania, saw its stock jump by more than 20 percent on Wednesday.

"Digital sports wagering represents a growing market opportunity that allows us to diversify our revenue streams, connect directly with consumers and expand the reach of the FOX Sports brand," said Eric Shanks,

CEO and executive producer of FOX Sports.

It will be interesting to see when ESPN counters with its own betting app — and moving forward, whom the network partners with.

NBA playoffs betting

The great variable in all of sports betting is injury, particularly injury to a star player.

The Golden State Warriors' betting odds shifted dramatically following the right-leg injury to star forward Kevin Durant in Game 5 of their series against Houston, as the Dubs now have the longest

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odds they've had all season to win the championship. Here is a timeline of how the Warriors' championship odds have changed over the past few months (odds from DraftKings Sportsbook).

Oct. 16, 2018 (NBA season begins): -200
April 17, 2019 (Cousins injured): -175
May 7, 2019 (Rockets tie series 2-2): -121
May 9, 2019 (Durant injured): +110

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Bet Smart



Don't get caught up in the drama of big sports betting wins. Learn how to bet smart!

You probably heard about the bettor in Las Vegas who bet \$85,000 to win \$1.19 million by backing Tiger Woods to win the Masters. News broke Wednesday that the same "investor" had put down \$100,000 with William Hill at 100/1 odds for Tiger to complete the Grand Slam by winning the PGA, the U.S. Open, and the British Open. Success would pay \$10 million.

This is a horrible bet for several reasons. Even if it ultimately wins, it would have been a poor bet that won rather than a smart bet.

Let's start with the obvious. The "true odds" for Tiger Woods to stay healthy and win all three remaining majors in stacked fields that also include the likes of Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy, Brooks Koepka and a slew of stars and near-elites who could get hot over four days are a lot longer than 100/1.

Even if you can't make an exact calculation because of all the variables, any good-faith estimate is going to lead you to a much bigger number. The reason it's available at 100/1 is that sportsbook operators don't offer good prices on futures. They offer prices where they're get-



ting the best of it.

Let's pencil in a widely available 9/1 price just for Tiger to win next week's PGA Championship to be held on the famed Bethpage Black course. A \$100,000 bet on Tiger at 9/1 would pay \$900,000. A full stake of \$1 million can then be carried over into the next Slam event.

In June's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, Tiger might be as low as 8-1 with sportsbooks defending against public passion. Our investor could bet his total stake of \$1 million at 8-1, and be at \$9 million (\$8 million in new profit and the \$1 million pre-Pebble stake) before everyone catches their flights to Ireland for The Open Championship.

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Seattle Mariners rookie pitcher Yusei Kikuchi continues to find his footing in Major League Baseball after coming over from Japan this winter.

The 27-year-old left-hander made mincemeat out of the New York Yankees in the Bronx during a 10-1 victory, allowing just one run on three hits in 7.2 innings.

He held New York hitless for 5.1 of those frames as his crafty style of pitching seemed to stymie and befuddle the Yankees throughout the night.

Kikuchi made his name with the Saitama Seibu Lions of the Nippon Professional Baseball's Pacific League thanks to a hitch-filled delivery that throws the opposing batter's timing off.

Couple that with his ability to deliver all of his pitches — ranging from a 93-mile-per-hour fastball to a 74-mile-per-hour curveball — with an identical arm angle, and it's understandable why the Mariners inked him to a three-year, \$43 million deal.

On Wednesday night in the Bronx, though, Kikuchi looked as though he brought some added firepower to his pitching arsenal.

Television cameras caught a glimpse of a foreign substance, believed to be pine tar, on

the inside of Kikuchi's hat brim during the eighth inning. The hurler was seen constantly adjusting his hat, submerging his thumb in the brown, glimmering pool atop his brow.

Busted. Right?

According to Rule 6.02(c)(4) in Major League Baseball's rulebook: "The pitcher shall not apply a foreign substance of any kind to the ball. Violation of that rule calls for immediate ejection and a 10-game suspension.

Applying a foreign substance to a baseball, or doctoring it, alters the aerodynamics of a pitch. It gives the pitcher an unfair advantage in that it further deceives the batter's eye.

During baseball's earliest days, pitcher's utilized the spitball to do so until the pitch was outlawed in 1920. Pitchers worked to get around that by bringing in pine tar or using files to scuff the ball.

Scuffing the ball affects the ball's flight on its way to the batter in that it promotes movement in unnatural, even opposite, directions.

Pine tar and other substances like Vaseline or even shaving cream, allows pitchers to put more spin on the ball, allowing them to either throw faster or induce more movement.

Yankees fans saw this happen to one of their own five years ago when Michael Pineda was busted for having pine tar on his neck at Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox. He was apprehended, ejected, and suspended.

Word got out to Yankees fans in the bleachers on Wednesday night



Yusei Kikuchi was shown with a brown, foreign substance beneath the bill of his cap. GETTY IMAGES

as they implored umpire Angel Hernandez to check on Kikuchi.

Given today's technological advancements and the ease of information getting down to the dugout, one would think Yankees manager Aaron Boone would have stepped up and said something.

After all, it was Boone who spotted the pine tar on Pineda's neck half-a-decade ago when he was working as an analyst for ESPN.

Yet, nothing happened. Kikuchi stayed on until he gave up a single

to Mike Tauchman with two outs in the eighth and he was off the hook.

"I was aware of it very late," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I was made aware of it sometime in the eighth inning there, so I'll take a look at it and we'll kind of see what we make of it."

Either Boone is telling the truth or he's just pandering to baseball's well-known secret: Pitchers can doctor a baseball as long as it's subtle enough.

I'd put my money on the latter, especially giv-

en his players' reactions following the game.

"A lot of guys use stuff," first baseman Luke Voit said.

"I could care less," left fielder Cameron Maybin said.

"He had stuff on his hat? That's not my zone," catcher Austin Romine said. "I don't talk about that kind of stuff. There are other people that take care of that."

It sure seems like this is a pretty common occurrence.

Earlier this year, Mets pitcher Noah Synder-

gaard was seen rubbing his two fingers on the heel of his glove before rubbing up a baseball against the Phillies. While some called him out, the issue was quickly dropped.

So is the theme throughout baseball history as some of the game's best have done it.

Whitey Ford had his catcher, Elston Howard, scuff the ball up for him. Gaylord Perry's autobiography was titled "Me and the Spitter." Jim Palmer revealed that Don Sutton taught him how to scuff a baseball up.

While Palmer was never accused of doctoring a baseball, all four pitchers are in the Hall of Fame.

And those are just a few instances.

Doctoring pitches will always be Major League Baseball's dirty little secret that, for some reason, will never be fully policed. Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium further proved that and Boone's silence on the matter suggests that his pitching staff is just as guilty as the rest of the league.

It makes little sense as to why the league isn't more vigilant about this matter. As commissioner Rob Manfred continues to look for ways to make the game more appealing to the next generation of fans, taking away a huge advantage "illegally" obtained by pitchers will only result in more offense.

But the league remains archaically mysterious as some cheating seems to be more tolerable than other types.

Delving into steroids though will be another column for another day.

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Phillies meet struggling Royals

The Phillies have a big chance to extend their NL East lead.



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Winners in eight of their last 11 games, the Philadelphia Phillies are playing their best baseball during the early parts of the 2019 season.

Fresh off a series victory in St. Louis against the Cardinals — featuring another gem spun by Jerad Eickhoff on Wednesday in a 6-0 win — the Phillies head to Kansas City to face the Royals to wrap up a six-game road trip.

With a 3.5-game lead in the National League East as of Thursday night, the Phillies have a supreme chance to open up some more space atop the division.

The Royals are tied for the second-worst record in baseball, winning just 13 of their first 38 games of the season.

The Phillies should be licking their chops waiting to take the field at Kauffman Stadium.

Kansas City's pitching is among the bottom-five in baseball with a team ERA of 5.09. Only the Texas Rangers, Chicago White Sox, and Baltimore Orioles have a worse mark.

In terms of the starting pitcher's the Phillies will be facing, Homer Bailey and Jakob Junis have ERA's well over five while Brad Keller is at 3.99.



Cesar Hernandez GETTY IMAGES

Keller's ERA is second-best among Kansas City starters behind Danny Duffy.

It should mean that the Phillies will continue their high-powered offensive ways. During their strong 11-game stretch, Philadelphia is averaging 5.8 runs per game, receiving contributions from all over the lineup.

In his last six games, second baseman Cesar Hernandez .444 with a home run and six RBI. It's gotten his season average up to .305, far beyond his career .278 rate.

Utility infielder Phil Gosselin, who began the year in the minor leagues, continues to produce when called upon. He has three hits in his last seven at-bats over his last five appearances with a .300 batting average through his first 30 MLB at-bats this season.

They've complimented the big bopper that is Rhys Hoskins, who continues to mash as he's slashing .381/.480/.810 over his last six games with two home runs and seven RBI.

While the bats should feast, the starting pitching

will continue to be put under the microscope.

Zach Eflin will look to continue his stellar streak on Saturday after two quality starts.

He followed up a complete game against the Marlins on Apr. 28 with a seven-inning, four-hitter against the Nationals. He's lowered his ERA in just two starts from 4.15 to 3.00.

The other two arms being rolled out against the Royals aren't necessarily trending in the same direction.

Jake Arrieta, who gets the ball tonight in the opener, has a 5.29 ERA over his last three starts. Granted, he did allow just two earned runs in six innings on May 4 against the Nationals.

On Sunday, Vince Velasquez will have a chance to exhibit an ability to co-exist with his catcher, JT Realmuto. After giving up five runs in four innings to the Cardinals on Monday, Velasquez was called out by Realmuto for constantly shaking off the catcher's signs.

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distances from a point of curve on the Northwestern side of Elm Avenue (40 feet wide): (1) leaving Elm Avenue
on the arc of a circle curving to the right having a radius of 30 feet the arc distance of 47.12 feet to a point of
tangent on the Northeastly side of Wren Drive; (2) North 20 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West along the
Northeastly side of Wren Drive 145 feet to a point of curve on the same; (3) Northwestwardly and Northwardly
partly along the Northeastly and Easterly sides of Wren Drive on the arc of a circle curving to the right having
a radius of 492.63 feet the arc distance of 222.55 feet to a point, a corner of Lot #15 on said Plan being also the
point and place of beginning; thence extending along said side of Wren Drive along the arc of a circle curving
to the right having a radius of 492.63 feet the arc distance of 39.55 feet to a point of tangent; thence extending
North 09 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East 60.45 feet to a point, a corner of Lot #13 on said plan; thence
extending along same South 80 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 240 feet to a point; thence extending South
09 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds West 80.78 feet to a point, a corner of Lot #15; thence extending along same
North 84 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West 239.18 feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

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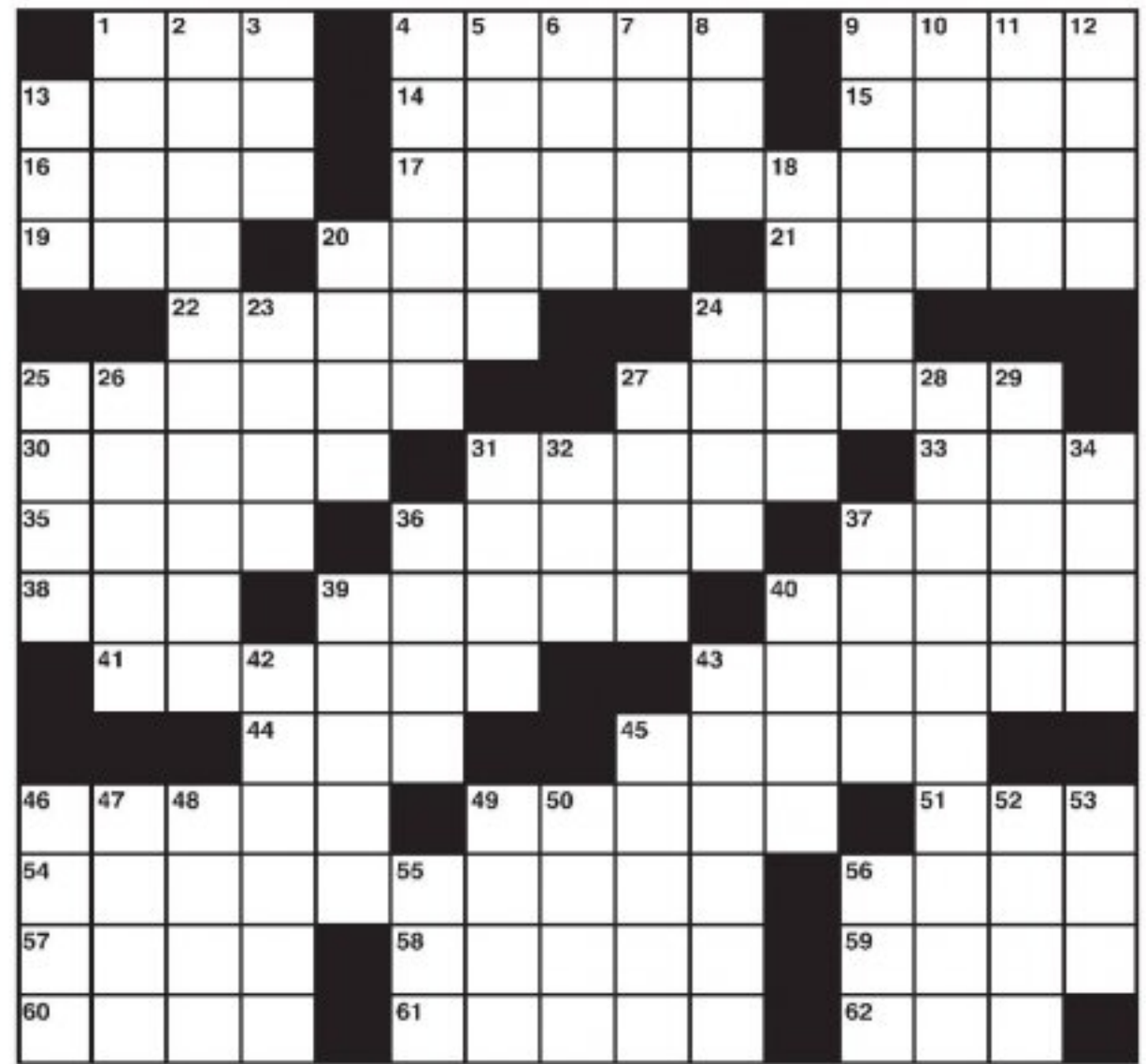
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9 "___ of luck!"
13 Hoodwink
14 One and two
15 Pearl Harbor's location
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19 Sault ___. Marie
20 Banquet
21 Hemingway's "The Sun Also ___"
22 Like fresh potato chips
24 Kourtney, to Khloe & Kim
25 Can't stand
27 Summarizes
30 Leaves suddenly
31 Practical joke
33 Maroon or ruby
35 Reclines
36 Liquid
37 Paper towel brand
38 Suffix for baron or host
39 Circular
40 Romeo

41 Prose compositions
43 Word of warning
44 Strike
45 Midsection
46 Jed Clampett's portrayer
49 Venetian blind parts
51 Leprechaun
54 Hearty guffaw
56 Forest animal
57 Arrestee's hope
58 Concur
59 Secretary's slipup
60 Totals
61 Michelob's & Bud Lights
62 Jazz guitarist Montgomery

DOWN

1 Female relative
2 Tongue-tied
3 "___ Just Not That Into You"; Ben Affleck film
4 Emotional tension
5 Inexpensive
6 Circle portions
7 Veal or venison
8 Get-up-and-go
9 ___ May Alcott
10 Doesn't have both ___ in the water
11 "How do I love ___? Let me count..."

12 Bubble bath foam
13 Uno, ___, tres...
18 "___ or treat!"
20 Evergreens
23 Goes bad
24 "___ in the Clowns"
25 Qualified
26 U.S. state capital
27 Bug spray
28 Sleuth
29 Cut off
31 Adder's sign
32 Gallop
34 Show boldness
36 Racer A.J.
37 Nun's promises
39 Like umbrella weather
40 Garlands
42 Beach souvenirs
43 Washes
45 Bet
46 Subsides
47 Boyfriend
48 Slender
49 Cooking herb
50 Attract; tempt
52 Trips across the pool
53 To and ___
55 Friendly dog, for short
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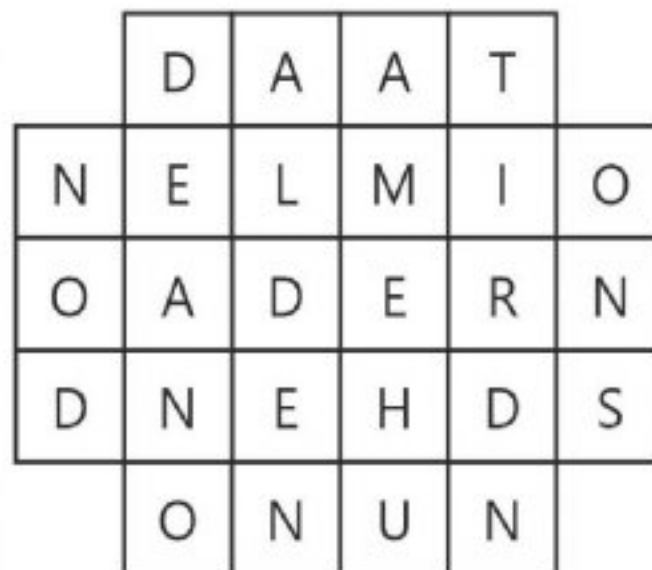
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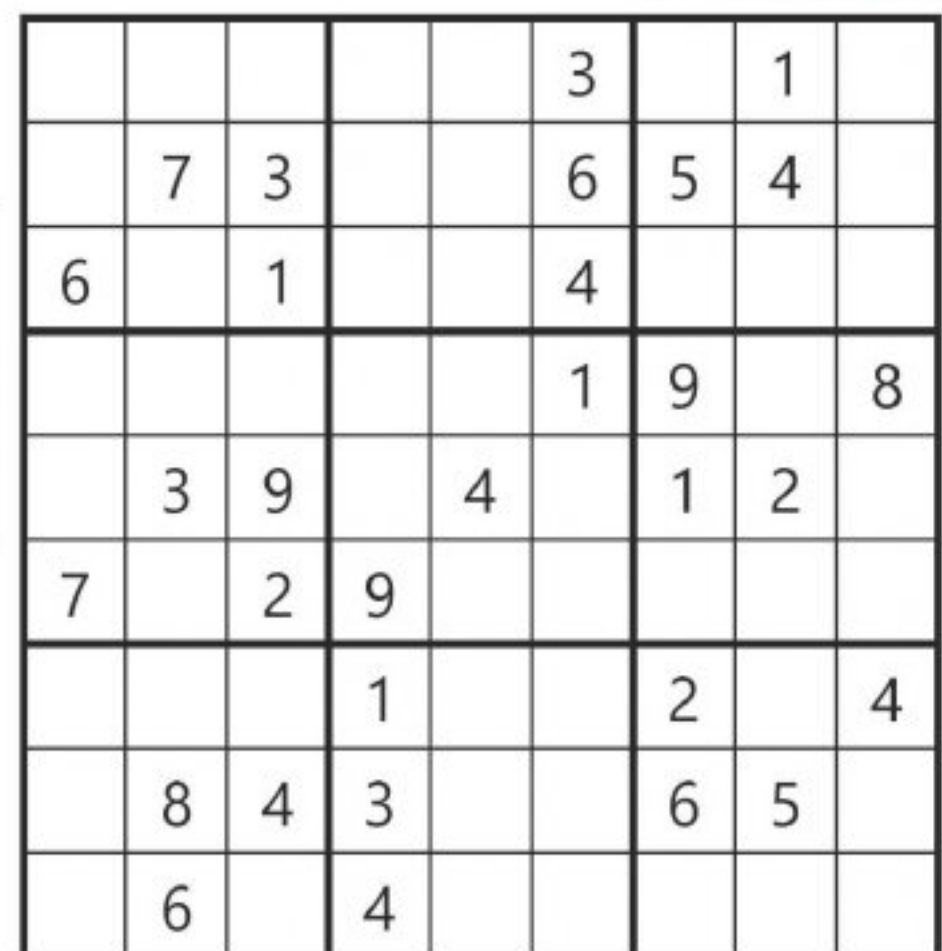
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